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The Honorable Val Peterson,
Acting Administrator
Federal Civil Defense Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Governor Peterson:

Thank you very much for your invitation of February 26th to attend the atomic tests scheduled for March 17th.

Unfortunately, I shall have to be present at the meeting of the National Security Council on the morning of March 18th and I do not feel that I could meet both appointments.

Please express my thanks and regrets to Mr. Dean.

Sincerely yours,

S. Dulles

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Honorable Allen Dulles
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Central Intelligence Agency
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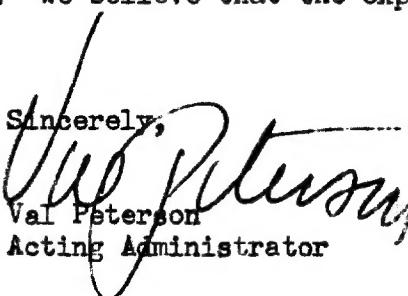
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The program includes briefing sessions which will give you information on the scheduled burst and its civil defense implications to the Government and the public. It would be necessary for you to be in Las Vegas for about twenty-four hours from the afternoon of March 16, unless weather conditions necessitate a postponement.

Arrangements are being made to reserve necessary hotel accommodations. We should therefore appreciate having an early reply. If you plan to attend, complete details will be sent you promptly.

The Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and I both hope you can spare the time to make the trip. We believe that the experience will be mutually beneficial.

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SGD VAL PETERSON
Val Peterson
Acting Administrator

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. DULLES

I understand from Mr. Babbitt at FCDA
that Dr. Chadwell is being invited by a separate
letter to attend.



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